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SUBJ: SOUTH LEBANON: RETURN OF REFUGEES

REF: (A) BEIRUT 2142; (B) TEL AVIV 5081

- 1. EMBASSY QUERIED APRIL 19 BY GOL MILITARY COORDINATOR (MC) ABOUT ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS POSED REF (A). ON BASIS OF REF (B), WE RESPONDED THAT MATTER BEING PURSUED.
- 2. GOL NOW FINDS THAT CERTAIN PERCENTAGE OF RETURNEES BEING HAULED BOTH WAYS BY CONVOY. INDIVIDUALS RETURN TO VILLAGE, CHECK OUT SITUATION, AND CONTACT ANY LOCAL INHABITANTS WHO STAYED DURING IDF OPERATIONS OR HAVE RETURNED SINCE. BASED ON THIS EVALUATION, SOME DECIDE TO RETURN NORTH, SOME AS FAR AS BEIRUT. MC ESTIMATES PERHAPS 15-20 PERCENT OUT OF TOTAL OF 3,130 FAMILIES PROCESSED HAVE TAKEN RETURN ROUTE (COMMENT: HOW MANY INDIVIDUALS THIS CONFIDENTIAL

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REPRESENTS COULD NOT BE ESTABLISHED. WE THINK PERCENTAGE FIGURE MAY BE HIGH).

3. IN MEANTIME, ANOTHER PROBLEM HAS SURFACED. MC STATES THAT A NUMBER OF LEBANESE--LIST OF NAMES BEING PROVIDED--HAVE BEEN PROCESSED THROUGH IDF CHECKPOINTS, THEN ARRESTED BY ISRAELIS AND REPORTEDLY REMOVED TO ISRAEL. MILITARY

COORDINATOR SAID THAT CONTINUATION THIS PRACTICE, F	RATHER
THAN MERELY TURNING SUCH PEOPLE BACK AT CHECKPOIN	T, WILL
OBVIOUSLY HAVE ADVERSE AFFECT RETURNEE PROGRAM.	PARKER

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